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MARKET



TOMATOES AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

## **Happy fall from the mountains of North Carolina**

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The change of season is especially welcome this year, isn't it?

For most of the Southeast, the summer of 2007 was a scorcher. Our mountains suffered, as well, though not as much as the lowlands. The local organic farmers at Franklin's weekly tailgate market talked about coping with the dry weather, but the tomato crop seemed as spectacular as usual. And we still heard the annual jokes about squash being so plentiful that you have to keep your car windows rolled up when you park anywhere in town if you don't want farmers off-loading surplus squash to your back seat.

Now, mornings in our mountains are noticeably cooler, the air is crisp and soon the spectacular fall colors begin their show. Come mid-October, we'll be seeing another wave of visitors to catch the leaves in all their glory. We hope you're among them.

In our two young Sanctuary communities, we have extra incentives to welcome the fall. High up in The Sanctuary at Mountain Grove, the state is moving along on the road project, widening and putting a hard surface down on what used to be a dusty gravel road. It's been a bit of a mess. But when it's finished, it will make the drive to either of our two historic towns, Franklin or Sylva, no more than 20 minutes or so. And it looks like the road crew is right on schedule.

We've done some work on our own in Mountain Grove, opening up more [high-mountain lots](#) and securing the road that reaches our upper ridge. We're making every effort to assure year-round access to our high mountain



LOT 17 – SANCTUARY AT MTN GROVE



AT THE PUMKIN ROLL

lots and to protect our scenic slopes from erosion no matter what the weather conditions.

In Franklin, where The Sanctuary Village is coming to life, our site preparation team is completing the grading and infrastructure work that will lead to construction of our [first phase homes and live-works](#). This is an exciting time for all of us.

How often do you get to witness the birth of a neighborhood?

To celebrate this new stage, we're preparing issue No. 1 of our new *Village Times* newspaper. **The Village Times** will offer eight pages of news and images, providing all the background you need to understand what's emerging slightly north of Franklin's historic Main Street. It gives us the chance to gather in one place printed images of the overall master plan for the Village, the design for Phase 1, and elevations and floor plans for our first residences.

We'll have stories about our philosophy, our team, and our town – Franklin. We see the future of Sanctuary Village tied to the future of Franklin; so we're making as big a deal about recruiting citizens as about selling real estate. The town and the region are high up on our amenity list. And we want our future residents to look forward to participating in the broader community.

Please let us know if you'd like to be on our new mailing list for [The Village Times](#). It's free. Just give us your home address, and you'll be among the charter subscribers.

Happy fall to all. And don't forget to include us in your next visit to the mountains.

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